



IRL COUNCIL STEM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Up the Creek Farms, 3590 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32950

The order of items appearing on the agenda is subject to change during the meeting and is at the discretion of the presiding officer. Anyone wishing to speak on any item is requested to complete a speaker's card.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

2. Introductions (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, Chair)

3. Elections of Officers (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: Elect Chair and Vice Chair for Calendar Year 2023 for the STEM Advisory Committee.

4. Agenda Revisions (Chair)

Note any known changes and inquire if any members have suggested revisions.

5. Minutes Approval (Chair)

Requested Action: Approval of Minutes from the STEM meeting on November 15, 2022.

6. Public Comment

7. Water Quality Reports

a. Northern IRL (Dr. Chuck Jacoby, SJRWMD)

b. Southern IRL (Dr. Melanie Parker, SFWMD)

8. Presentation

Why We Should Focus on the Science of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (David Jones)

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

a. Fiscal Year 2024 Water Quality RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

b. Fiscal Year 2024 Habitat Restoration RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and

budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

c. Fiscal Year 2024 Science and Innovation RFP (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Motion to recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors accept the IRLNEP STEM Advisory Committee recommendations and approve the final ranked list of proposals; fund the top proposals contingent and consistent with available funds and budgetary authority; and authorize staff to negotiate and enter into contracts with those applicants.

d. Fiscal Year 2024 Tentative Budget (Daniel Kolodny)

Requested Action: Recommend that the IRL Council Board of Directors review and adopt the tentative budget for FY 2024 by Resolution 2023-01, pursuant to Florida Statutes.

11. IRLNEP Staff Reports

a. Communications Report (Kathy Hill)

b. Information Technology and Data Science Update (KJ Ayres)

c. IRL Project Update (Daniel Kolodny)

d. Executive Director Report (Kathy Hill)

Requested Action: No motion is required. Information only.

12. Final Comments (Committee, Staff, Public)

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

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14. Adjourn

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